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Lava Beds Holds "Timeline" Living History Event

TULELAKE, California— Lava Beds National Monument is pleased to announce that the 13th annual Timeline event was highly successful this year. The event provides visitors with the opportunity to explore the rich history of the Lava Beds area. Timeline spanned two days with the first day (May 10th) open to student groups and the second (May 11th) open to the public. This year saw the greatest involvement yet with eight schools and over 300 people in attendance across both days.

Timeline is a living history event with costumed volunteers portraying important figures from Lava Beds' colorful past. Visitors are able to speak with these volunteers and learn about life in various time periods. This year's living history groups ranged from the fur trappers of the 1800's to the early cave explorers of the 1900's. As part of the weekend's events, visitors were able to go on cave tours led by re-enactors of the cave pioneers JD Howard and EL Hopkins and attend a memorial ceremony for those killed in the Modoc War.

Park Rangers coordinated interpretive discussions with visitors and students about historical events and characters, as well as answering questions at the visitor center. The National Park Service also assisted schools with transportation costs to help encourage their participation.

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Lava Beds National Monument, established in 1925, is a land of turmoil, both geologic and historic. Over the last half-million years, volcanic eruptions have created a rugged landscape dotted with diverse volcanic features. Lava tube caves, Native American sites, historic battlefields and a high desert wilderness experience await you!

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